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SUBJECT: REPORTED TRAVEL OF URUGUAYAN SENATOR ZELMAR MICHELINI

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1. NEWS REPORTS HERE HAVE NOT CLARIFIED STATUS OF MICHELINI'S SUPPOSED TRIP. ONE PAPER HAD HIM TRAVELING UNDER ASSUMED NAME ZELMAR (LNU) ON BRANIFF 974 ON APRIL 8 FROM BUENOS AIRES. ANOTHER SAID HE WAS NOT TRAVELING.

2. INFO PROVIDED IN REFTTEL BA APPRECIATED. INFORMAL WORD FROM GOU INDICATES MICHELINI DOES NOT HAVE URUGUAYAN PASSPORT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH AUTHORITIES HERE.

3. SUB-SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MICHELINI ASKED THE AMBASSADOR IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP AND VARIOUS URUGUAYAN OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH EMBOFFS. SECRETARY GENERAL GRANUCCI OF THE COLORADO PARTY TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT PARTY PEOPLE AND THE MAN IN THE STREET WERE APPALLED AT SENATOR KENNEDY'S HAVING INVITED TO THE U.S. A MAN WHO REJECTED THE TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND MOVED LEFT. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT NEITHER THE TRIP NOR THE INVITATION HAD BEEN CONFIRMED, THAT INDIVIDUAL SENATORS WERE FREE TO INVITE WHOMEVER THEY PLEASED AND THAT SUCH INVITATIONS WOULD NOT REFLECT USG POLICY EITHER FOR OR AGAINST SUCH VISITS. GRANUCCI SAID HE KNEW

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THIS BUT THAT THE MAN

IN THE STREET DID NOT MAKE THESE DISTINCTIONS. HE ADDED THAT THE LEFT WAS ALREADY TAKING THE LINE THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD FORGET ABOUT THE PRO-IMPERIALIST TRADITIONAL PARTIES BECAUSE THE U.S. HAD SEEN THE LIGHT AND WAS ABANDONING THEM AND MOVING LEFT.

4. IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST MICHELINI'S POSSIBLE TRIP HAS GENERATED IN URUGUAY, ANY FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN BUENOS AIRES OR WASHINGTON WOULD BE APPRECIATED. PERHAPS DEPARTMENT COULD VERIFY WITH INS AND BRANIFF WHETHER MICHELINI WAS ON STATED BRANIFF FLIGHT UNDER HIS OWN NAME OR ANOTHER NAME.

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